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SRI A. GOVINDASWAMY NAYAGAR :—" விருத்தாசலத்திலிருந்து இருப்பு வழியாக மொடப்பள்ளி கிராமத்திற்கு ஒரு ரோடு போட வேண்டியது மிக மிக அவசியமாக இருப்பதினுல் இந்த வேலையை இரண்டாவது ஐந்தாண்டுத் திட்டத்திலாவது சேர்த்து நிறைவேற்ற சர்க்கார் முயற்சி எடுப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" இதற்கு ஜில்லா போர்டிலிருந்து முயற்சி வரவேண்டும்."

Tax concessions to the ex-ruler of Pudukkottai.

* 1972 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many cars are allowed to be owned by the ex-ruler of Pudukkottai tax-free; and

(*b*) with reference to answer given to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 316 on 14th December 1954, in what other respects the ex-ruler is exempt from paying taxes due to the State Government and the local bodies?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) No limit is prescribed as to the number of cars that can be owned by His Highness the Raja of Pudukkottai tax-free. At present, he owns six motor vehicles, tax-free, including three cars.

" (*b*) Apart from the exemption from local taxation, details of which have already been given in answer to question No. 516 on 14th December 1954, the Raja is also exempted from payment of fees for driving licence and registration of motor vehicles. He is also exempted from the Indian Arms Rules, 1924 and is entitled to possess under proper licence free of charge the weapons which he was holding prior to merger."

Supply of firewood to the City.

* 1973 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government to increase the supply of firewood to the City of Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" As there is no control either over movement or price of firewood Government generally do not interfere with the trade. But consequent on certain reports that appeared in the press regarding shortage in the supply of wagons and consequential rise in prices, the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies) was asked to look into this matter. The report received disclosed that during December 1954 there was a rise in price of junglewood in Madras City due to lack of wagon facilities for transport of firewood from certain railway stations in the Andhra State to the City. The Railway authorities, who were addressed in the matter, have issued instructions to the officers concerned to step up supply of wagons for movements of firewood to Madras. At present there are sufficient stocks of firewood in the City."

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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, the rise in the price of firewood is not only due to lack of wagon facilities in the Andhra and Madras States but it is also due to lak of permission given to merchants to transport firewood from Chittoor district in the Andhra State to Madras through lorries. Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that the merchants are suffering on account of these handicaps? If so, will the Government of Madras make a move to the Andhra Government for removing those handicaps? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I would like to have notice, Sir."

SRI N. K. PALANISAMY :—" ஆந்திர ராஜ்யத்திலிருந்து லாரிகள் மூலமாக விறகுகளை சென்னை ராஜ்யத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவரக்கூடாது என்று ஆந்திர சர்க்கார் 1954-ம் வருஷத்திலிருந்து தடை விதித்திருக்கிறதா ? அப்படியிருந்தால் இந்தத் தடையை நீக்குவதற்கு நம்முடைய சர்க்கார் என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்திருக்கிறார்கள் ? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" இதுபற்றி ஆங்கிலத்தில் ஒரு அங்கத்தினர் கேட்ட கேள்விக்கு நான் பதில் சொல்லும்போது ' தகவல் இல்லை ' என்று சொன்னேன். அதைத்தான் நான் இப்பொழுது தமிழில் சொல்லவேண்டும்."

Buildings Improvement Schemes in the City.

* 1974 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to the answer to clause (b) question No. 858 given on 17th May 1954 when Mohana Mudaly Garden and Vazhappoocheri Improvement Schemes will be sanctioned?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The schemes are still under the consideration of the Government."

Irrigation from Cochin State.

* 1975 Q.—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased—

(a) to lay on the table of the House a copy of the agreement entered into by the Collector of Malabar, on behalf of the Government in the year 1913, with the Cochin State Government, regarding the release of water, by the latter, into the amsams of Panayur, Polpulli, Thenari and Elappulli in Palghat taluk, Malabar district; and to state

(b) whether the present Travancore-Cochin State Government used to collect water-cess from the cultivators of the said villages at a fixed rate as provided by the terms of the agreement; and

(c) whether the Collector of Malabar has received any complaint from the cultivators of the said villages about the non-availability of water during the current and the previous year from the Travancore-Cochin State?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" (a) A copy [a] of the agreement is placed on the table of the House.

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 656–566 infra.